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Celebrate Winter Solstice With Walk on the Dunes

Experience nature and the night in a special way by enjoying the third annual Winter Solstice in the Dunes, held at Oso Flaco Lake at the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area, formerly Pismo Dunes SVRA.

The event will be held to celebrate the longest night of the year and it will include the Oceano winter moon dune walk where you can venture out to look at the stars and the moon. You even may be able to catch a glimpse of one of the nocturnal animals that inhabit this special place.

The event is scheduled December 21 from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. Participants will begin their walk at the Oso Flaco Lake parking lot, located at the west end of Oso Flaco Lake Road, off Highway 1. It is about 10 miles south of Oceano, or three miles north of Guadalupe.

The trail is an easy two-mile round trip walk from the Oso Flaco Lake parking lot to the beach, most of it along a boardwalk. Dune Center volunteers will provide information and interpretation of nighttime animal sounds and animal tracks along the route.

Volunteers along the route will provide telescopes to provide views and explanations of the moon, the stars and other things celestial. Visitors will be also able to enjoy music, marshmallows and hot chocolate at a bonfire on the beach.

Reservations are required, and they will be limited. Further information or reservations may be made by telephoning the Dunes Center at (805) 343-2455, Ext. 105.

A \$10 donation is requested; for children under 12, the donation is \$2.50.

Attendees are urged to bring flashlights, warm clothes and a joyful spirit.

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